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For: TUBE PLATE FOR TUBE BUNDLES FOR CHEMICAL REACTORS AND HEAT EXCHANGERS IN GENERAL

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Responsive to the Official (Final) Action dated January 16, 2004, applicant proposes to amend the above-identified application as follows: